

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Application No.: U.S. National Stage of
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For: PROCESS FOR ISOLATING A TARGET BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL, CAPTURE
PHASE, DETECTION PHASE AND REAGENT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 5, 7-9, 11, 12, 16-18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 29 and 32 as follows:

Claim 5, lines 1-2, delete "or according to the combination of Claims 4 and 3".

Claim 7, lines 1-2, delete "and optionally Claim 6".

Claim 8, line 1, delete "and/or 7".

Claim 9, line 1, delete "and/or 7".

Claim 11, line 1, change "any one of Claims 1 to 10" to --Claim 1--.

Claim 12, lines 1-2, change "any one of Claims 3 and 5 to 11" to --Claim 3--.

Claim 16, line 1, delete "or 15".

Claim 17, lines 1-2, change "any one of Claims 14 to 16" to --Claim 14--.

Claim 18, lines 1-2, change "any one of Claims 14 to 16" to --Claim 14--.

Claim 20, lines 1-2, delete "or according to the combination of Claims 3 and 19".

Claim 22, lines 1-2, delete "or according to the combination of Claims 3 and 21".

Claim 24, lines 1-2, delete "or according to the combination of Claims 3 and 23".

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